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Three Flags Traffic Safety Campaign

Officers from the Beaverton Police Department will again join law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon in the Three Flags Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign, that began Monday, February 11, 2013 and will continue through Sunday, February, 24, 2013. The focus of this campaign is seatbelt use, booster seats, distracted driving involving cell phones and speeding. The goal of this campaign is to reduce traffic injuries and deaths by increased education and enforcement.

Oregon law requires that there be "proper use" of the entire seatbelt system; lap belt placed low across the hips and a shoulder belt over the collarbone and crossing the center of the chest. Belts should be free of slack and lying flat with no twists or knots. If necessary, slide the attachment on the door post up or down to fit the size of you or your passenger. Shoulder belts should not be placed under the arm or behind the back – this can cause serious internal injuries or ejection in the event of a crash.

Oregon laws requires children over 40 pounds remain riding in a booster seat until age 8, or they are 4ft. 9 inches in height.

The Beaverton Police Department holds free child safety seat clinics throughout the year. The next two clinics will be on February 16, 2013 and March 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kuni Cadillac collision Center located at 3725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005.

The use of cell phones while driving a motor vehicle is not only against the law and could lead to a traffic ticket, but could cause the senseless death of you or another person.

The Beaverton Police Department will continue to strive to keep our citizens safe, reminding you that car seats, seat belts and following the posted speed limit are an effective way to protect you and your family. Our enforcement efforts will be on-going as we work with the community to save lives.

Three Flag Blitz campaigns are funded through grants received from the Oregon Chiefs of Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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